presentation was received in April 1986 from the National Archives of India Employees Association making allegations regarding the style of functioning of the Director of National Archives, appointment of two retired officials of National Archives as Senior Fellow and Junior Fellow in the School of Archival Studies, the facilities given to them and the payment of TA/DA to the Senior Fellow for attending a meeting of the National Committee of Archivists at Bangalore which was alleged to amount to misappropriation of Government funds. The representation also alleged misuse of the staff car, incorrect procedure for the registration and distribution of dak, misutilisation and under utilisation of some posts, delay in the holding JCM meetings and non-implementation of its decisions, wastage of money in renovation of the exhibition hall and inadequate facilities for the staff.

(c) and (d) The allegations were enquired into departmentlly. It was found that there was hardly any substance in them.

(e) Does not arise.

Post of Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

959. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Post of Commissioner Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been lying vacant for the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the steps taken during this period to fill the vacancy;

(d) whether Government are aware that a rejected candidate for this post is functioning as Commissioner in charge;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps are being taken to replace him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (f) The post of Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not remained vacant in last two years. After completion of the tenure, the earlier incumbent relinquished office on 31.12.1985 and officiating arrangment has been made by the Government with effect from 1.1.1986. It is not in the knowledge of the Government that a rejected candidate is functioning as Commissioner incharge. Simultaneously Government has taken action to fill up the post by a regularly appointed incumbent.

Panel for study of the medicinal plants

960. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a panel for the study of medicinal plants used in the Indian system of medicine and Homoeopathy has been formed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Government have set up a Standing Committee for development of Medicinal Plants. A copy of the resolution setting up the Committee is annexed. (See Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 36]